

THE UNKNOWN SINGERS

The Day's Work Series

THE UNKNOWN SINGERS

Being Selections from the Psalms

BY

CHARLES F. DOLE

Author of

"The American Citizen," "The Coming People,"
"The Theology of Civilisation," "The Religion
of a Gentleman," "Noble Womanhood," etc.



BOSTON

L. C. PAGE & COMPANY

MDCCCCI

Copyright, 1901

BY L. C. PAGE & COMPANY
(INCORPORATED)

All rights reserved

Colonial Press

Manufactured and Printed by C. H. Simonds & Co.
Boston, Mass., U. S. A.

CONTENTS.

	PAGE
A BEATITUDE	7
TRUST	8
MAN AND THE HEAVENS	9
INTEGRITY	10
A SONG OF CONTENT	11
THE GLORY OF GOD	12
THE GOOD SHEPHERD	14
THE REAL WORSHIPPER	15
A PRAYER	16
A SONG OF JOY	17
THE GOOD GOD	19
A SONG FOR THE MEEK	21
THE LOVINGKINDNESS OF GOD	23
FRET NOT	24
THE REWARD OF THE PATIENT	26
HOPE	28
GOD OUR REFUGE	30
A SONG IN THE TEMPLE	32
GOD THE HELPER	34
PENITENCE	36
RESTLESSNESS	38
VERSES OF PRAISE	39
ASPIRATION	41
THE GOOD GOD	42
A SONG OF GLADNESS	44

	PAGE
THE COMING KING	45
REST IN GOD	47
ETERNITY	49
THE MERCY OF GOD	50
THE GOD OF NATURE	52
THE PLACE OF PRAYER	55
THE RIGHTEOUS GOD	57
THE GOD OF ALL THINGS	58
THE ETERNAL	59
A SONG OF CONFIDENCE	61
THE RIGHTEOUS	63
A SONG OF THE SEAS	64
SONGS OF PURE JOY	65
PICTURES FROM LIFE	68
THE GRACIOUS GOD	72
REVERENCE	73
AFTER SORROW	74
THE BLESSED LAW	76
A SONG OF TRUST	79
A SONG OF PEACE	80
RETURN FROM CAPTIVITY	82
OUT OF THE DEPTHS	83
THE UNSEEN GOD	84
THE MAN OF SORROWS	86
PROSPERITY	87
A SONG OF JOY	88
SONGS OF PRAISE	90

THE UNKNOWN SINGERS.

A BEATITUDE.

BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel
of the wicked,
Nor standeth in the way of sinners,
Nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
But his delight is in the law of the Lord ;
And in his law doth he meditate day and night.
And he shall be like a tree planted by the streams
of water,
That bringeth forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also doth not wither ;
And whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

TRUST.

Many there be which say of my soul,
There is no help for him in God.
But thou, O Lord, art a shield about me ;
My glory, and the lifter up of mine head.
I cry unto the Lord with my voice,
And he answereth me out of his holy hill.
I laid me down and slept ;
I awaked ; for the Lord sustaineth me.
Salvation belongeth unto the Lord :
Thy blessing be upon thy people.

Stand in awe, and sin not :
Commune with your own heart upon your bed, and
be still.

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,
And put your trust in the Lord.
Many there be that say, Who will shew us any good ?
Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon
us.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart,
More than they have when their corn and their wine
are increased.

In peace will I both lay me down and sleep :
For thou, Lord, alone makest me dwell in safety.

MAN AND THE HEAVENS.

O Lord, our Lord,
How excellent is thy name in all the earth !
Who hast set thy glory upon the heavens.
Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou
established strength.
When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy
fingers,
The moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained ;
What is man, that thou art mindful of him ?
And the son of man, that thou visitest him ?
For thou hast made him but little lower than God,
And crownest him with glory and honour.
Thou madest him to have dominion over the works
of thy hands ;
Thou hast put all things under his feet :
All sheep and oxen,
Yea, and the beasts of the field ;
The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea,
Whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.
O Lord, our Lord,
How excellent is thy name in all the earth !

INTEGRITY.

Lord, who shall sojourn in thy tabernacle?

Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness,

And speaketh truth in his heart.

He that slandereth not with his tongue,

Nor doeth evil to his friend,

Nor taketh up reproach against his neighbour.

He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

He that putteth not out his money to usury,

Nor taketh reward against the innocent.

He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

A SONG OF CONTENT.

Preserve me, O God : for in thee do I put my trust.

I have said unto the Lord, Thou art my Lord :

I have no good beyond thee.

The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of
my cup :

Thou maintainest my lot.

The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places ;

Yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel :

Yea, my reins instruct me in the night seasons.

I have set the Lord always before me :

Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth :

My flesh also shall dwell in safety.

For thou wilt not leave my soul to Sheol ;

Neither wilt thou suffer thine holy one to see cor-
ruption.

Thou wilt shew me the path of life :

In thy presence is fulness of joy ;

In thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

As for me, I shall behold thy face in righteousness :

I shall be satisfied. when I awake, with thy likeness.

THE GLORY OF GOD.

The heavens declare the glory of God ;
And the firmament sheweth his handywork.
Day unto day uttereth speech,
And night unto night sheweth knowledge.
There is no speech nor language ;
Their voice cannot be heard.
Their line is gone out through all the earth,
And their words to the end of the world.
In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,
Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
And rejoiceth as a strong man to run his course.
His going forth is from the end of the heaven,
And his circuit unto the ends of it :
And there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul :
The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the
simple.
The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart :
The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening
the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever :
The judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous
altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than
much fine gold :

Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is thy servant warned :

In keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can discern his errors ?

Clear thou me from hidden faults.

Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins ;

Let them not have dominion over me : then shall I

be perfect,

And I shall be clear from great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my

heart be acceptable in thy sight,

O Lord, my rock, and my redeemer.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The Lord is my shepherd ; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures :
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul :
He guideth me in the paths of righteousness for his
name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death,
I will fear no evil ; for thou art with me :
Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou hast anointed my head with oil ; my cup run-
neth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life :
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE REAL WORSHIPPER.

**The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof ;
The world, and they that dwell therein.
For he hath founded it upon the seas,
And established it upon the floods.
Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord ?
And who shall stand in his holy place ?
He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart ;
Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity,
And hath not sworn deceitfully.
He shall receive a blessing from the Lord,
And righteousness from the God of his salvation.
Lift up your heads, O ye gates ;
And be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors :
And the King of glory shall come in.
Who is the King of glory ?
The Lord strong and mighty,
The Lord mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O ye gates ;
Yea, lift them up, ye everlasting doors :
And the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory ?
The Lord of hosts,
He is the King of glory.**

A PRAYER.

Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
O my God, in thee have I trusted,
Let me not be ashamed ;
Shew me thy ways, O Lord ;
Teach me thy paths.
Guide me in thy truth, and teach me ;
For thou art the God of my salvation ;
On thee do I wait all the day.
Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses ;
For they have been ever of old.
Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions :
According to thy lovingkindness remember thou me,
For thy goodness' sake, O Lord.
Good and upright is the Lord :
Therefore will he instruct sinners in the way.
The meek will he guide in judgement :
And the meek will he teach his way.
All the paths of the Lord are lovingkindness and truth
Unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

A SONG OF JOY.

The Lord is my light and my salvation ; whom shall
I fear ?

The Lord is the strength of my life ; of whom shall
I be afraid ?

Though an host should encamp against me,
My heart shall not fear ;

Though war should rise against me,
Even then will I be confident.

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek
after ;

That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the
days of my life,

To behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in
his temple.

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me secretly
in his pavilion :

In the covert of his tabernacle shall he hide me ;
He shall lift me up upon a rock.

I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

When thou saidst, Seek ye my face ; my heart said
unto thee,

Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
But the Lord will take me up.

Teach me thy way, O Lord ;

And lead me in a plain path.

I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord

In the land of the living.

Wait on the Lord :

Be strong, and let thine heart take courage ;

Yea, wait thou on the Lord.

THE GOOD GOD.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous :
Praise is comely for the upright.
Give thanks unto the Lord with harp :
Sing praises unto him with the psaltery of ten strings.
Sing unto him a new song ;
Play skilfully with a loud noise.
For the word of the Lord is right ;
And all his work is done in faithfulness.
He loveth righteousness and judgement :
The earth is full of the lovingkindness of the Lord.
By the word of the Lord were the heavens made ;
And all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.
He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an
heap :
He layeth up the deeps in storehouses.
Let all the earth fear the Lord :
Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of
him.
For he spake, and it was done ;
He commanded, and it stood fast.
The counsel of the Lord standeth fast for ever,
The thoughts of his heart to all generations.
Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord ;
The people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

The Lord looketh from heaven ;
He beholdeth all the sons of men ;
From the place of his habitation he looketh forth
Upon all the inhabitants of the earth ;
He that fashioneth the hearts of them all,
That considereth all their works.
Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear
 him,
Upon them that hope in his mercy ;
To deliver their soul from death,
And to keep them alive in famine.
Our soul hath waited for the Lord :
He is our help and our shield.
For our heart shall rejoice in him,
Because we have trusted in his holy name.
Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us,
According as we have hoped in thee.

A SONG FOR THE MEEK.

I will bless the Lord at all times :
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul shall make her boast in the Lord :
The meek shall hear thereof, and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me,
And let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me,
And delivered me from all my fears.
They looked unto him, and were lightened :
And their faces shall never be confounded.
This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him,
And saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them
that fear him,
And delivereth them.
O taste and see that the Lord is good :
Blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
O fear the Lord, ye his saints :
For there is no want to them that fear him.
The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger :
But they that seek the Lord shall not want any good
thing.
Come, ye children, hearken unto me :
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
What man is he that desireth life,

And loveth many days, that he may see good ?
Keep thy tongue from evil,
And thy lips from speaking guile.
Depart from evil and do good ;
Seek peace, and pursue it.
The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous,
And his ears are open unto their cry.
The righteous cried, and the Lord heard,
And delivered them out of all their troubles.
The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken
heart,
And saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.
Many are the afflictions of the righteous :
But the Lord delivereth him out of them all.
He keepeth all his bones :
Not one of them is broken.
The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants :
And none of them that trust in him shall be con-
demned.

THE LOVINGKINDNESS OF GOD.

Thy lovingkindness, O Lord, is in the heavens ;
Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the skies.
Thy righteousness is like the mountains of God ;
Thy judgements are a great deep :
O Lord, thou preservest man and beast.
How precious is thy lovingkindness, O God !
And the children of men take refuge under the
shadow of thy wings.
They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness
of thy house ;
And thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy
pleasures.
For with thee is the fountain of life :
In thy light shall we see light.
O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know
thee ;
And thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

FRET NOT.

Fret not thyself because of evil-doers,
Neither be thou envious against them that work un-
righteousness.

Trust in the Lord, and do good ;
Dwell in the land, and follow after faithfulness.
Delight thyself also in the Lord ;
And he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.
Commit thy way unto the Lord ;
Trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass.
And he shall make thy righteousness to go forth as
the light,

And thy judgement as the noonday.
Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him ;
Fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in
his way,
Because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to
pass.

Cease from anger, and forsake wrath :
Fret not thyself, it tendeth only to evil-doing.
For evil-doers shall be cut off :
But those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit
the land.

A man's goings are established of the Lord ;
And he delighteth in his way.
Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down :

For the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.
I have been young, and now am old ;
Yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken,
Nor his seed begging their bread.
All the day long he dealeth graciously, and lendeth ;
And his seed is blessed.
Depart from evil, and do good ;
And dwell for evermore.
For the Lord loveth judgement,
And forsaketh not his saints ;
They are preserved for ever :
The righteous shall inherit the land,
And dwell therein for ever.
The mouth of the righteous talketh of wisdom,
And his tongue speaketh judgement.
Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright :
For the latter end of that man is peace.

THE REWARD OF THE PATIENT.

I waited patiently for the Lord ;
And he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.
He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of
the miry clay ;
And he set my feet upon a rock, and established my
goings.
And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise
unto our God :
Many shall see it, and fear,
And shall trust in the Lord.
Blessed is the man that maketh the Lord his trust,
And respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside
to lies.
Many, O Lord my God, are the wonderful works
which thou hast done,
And thy thoughts which are to us-ward :
They cannot be set in order unto thee ;
If I would declare and speak of them,
They are more than can be numbered.
Sacrifice and offering thou hast no delight in ;
Mine eyes hast thou opened :
Burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.
Then said I, Lo, I am come ;
In the roll of the book it is written of me :
I delight to do thy will, O my God ;

Yea, thy law is within my heart.

I have published righteousness in the great congregation :

Lo, I will not refrain my lips,

O Lord, thou knowest.

I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart ;

I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation :

I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.

Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord :

Let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee :

Let such as love thy salvation say continually,

The Lord be magnified.

But I am poor and needy ;

Yet the Lord thinketh upon me :

Thou art my help and my deliverer ;

Make no tarrying, O my God.

Blessed is he that considereth the poor :

The Lord will deliver him in the day of evil.

The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive, and he shall be blessed upon the earth ;

The Lord will support him upon the couch of languishing :

Thou makest all his bed in his sickness.

HOPE.

As the hart panteth after the water brooks,
So panteth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God :
When shall I come and appear before God ?
My tears have been my meat day and night,
While they continually say unto me,
Where is thy God ?
These things I remember, and pour out my soul
 within me,
How I went with the throng, and led them to the
 house of God,
With the voice of joy and praise, a multitude keep-
 ing holyday.
Why art thou cast down, O my soul ?
And why art thou disquieted within me ?
Hope thou in God : for I shall yet praise him
For the health of his countenance.
O my God, my soul is cast down within me :
Therefore do I remember thee from the land of
 Jordan,
And the Hermons, from the hill Mizar.
Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy water-
 spouts :
All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.
Yet the Lord will command his lovingkindness in
 the day-time,

And in the night his song shall be with me,
Even a prayer unto the God of my life.
I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me?
Why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?
As with a sword in my bones, mine adversaries reproach me;
While they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?
Why art thou cast down, O my soul?
And why art thou disquieted within me?
Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him,
Who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

O send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me:
Let them bring me unto thy holy hill,
And to thy tabernacles.
Then will I go unto the altar of God,
Unto God my exceeding joy:
And upon the harp will I praise thee, O God, my God.
Why art thou cast down, O my soul?
And why art thou disquieted within me?
Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him,
Who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

GOD OUR REFUGE.

God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
Therefore will we not fear, though the earth do
change,
And though the mountains be moved in the heart of
the seas ;
Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled,
Though the mountains shake with the swelling
thereof.
There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the
city of God,
The holy place of the tabernacles of the Most
High.
God is in the midst of her ; she shall not be moved :
God shall help her, and that right early.
The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved :
He uttered his voice, the earth melted.
The Lord of hosts is with us ;
The God of Jacob is our refuge.
Come, behold the works of the Lord ;
He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth ;
He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in
sunder ;
He burneth the chariots in the fire.
Be still, and know that I am God :

I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted
in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us ;

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

A SONG IN THE TEMPLE.

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised,
In the city of our God, in his holy mountain.
Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth,
Is mount Zion, on the sides of the north,
The city of the great King.
God hath made himself known in her palaces for a
refuge.
For, lo, the kings assembled themselves,
They passed by together.
They saw it, then were they amazed ;
They were dismayed, they hasted away.
Trembling took hold of them there ;
Pain, as of a woman in travail.
With the east wind
Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish.
As we have heard, so have we seen
In the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our
God :
God will establish it for ever.
We have thought on thy lovingkindness, O God,
In the midst of thy temple.
As is thy name, O God,
So is thy praise unto the ends of the earth :
Thy right hand is full of righteousness.
Let mount Zion be glad,

Let the daughters of Judah rejoice,
Because of thy judgements.
Walk about Zion, and go round about her :
Tell the towers thereof.
Mark ye well her bulwarks,
Consider her palaces ;
That ye may tell it to the generation following.
For this God is our God for ever and ever :
He will be our guide even unto death.

GOD THE HELPER.

God, even God, the Lord, hath spoken,
And called the earth from the rising of the sun unto
the going down thereof.
Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God hath shined forth.
Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence :
A fire shall devour before him,
And it shall be very tempestuous round about him.
He shall call to the heavens above,
And to the earth, that he may judge his people :
Gather my saints together unto me ;
Those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.
And the heavens shall declare his righteousness ;
For God is judge himself.
Hear, O my people, and I will speak ;
O Israel, and I will testify unto thee :
I am God, even thy God.
I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices ;
And thy burnt offerings are continually before me.
I will take no bullock out of thy house,
Nor he-goats out of thy folds.
For every beast of the forest is mine,
And the cattle upon a thousand hills.
I know all the fowls of the mountains :

And the wild beasts of the field are mine.
If I were hungry, I would not tell thee :
For the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.
Will I eat the flesh of bulls,
Or drink the blood of goats ?
Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving ;
And pay thy vows unto the Most High :
And call upon me in the day of trouble ;
I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

PENITENCE.

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness :

According to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts

And in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean :

Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me to hear joy and gladness ;

That the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Hide thy face from my sins,

And blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God ;

And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence ;

And take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation :

And uphold me with a free spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors thy ways ;

And sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation :

And my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

O Lord, open thou my lips ;

And my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
For thou delightest not in sacrifice; else would I
give it :
Thou hast no pleasure in burnt offering.
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit :
A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not
despise.

RESTLESSNESS.

I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove !
Then would I fly away, and be at rest.
Lo, then would I wander far off,
I would lodge in the wilderness.
I would haste me to a shelter
From the stormy wind and tempest.
Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain
thee :
He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

.

VERSES OF PRAISE.

This I know, that God is for me.
In God will I praise his word :
In the Lord will I praise his word.
In God have I put my trust, I will not be afraid ;
What can man do unto me ?
Thy vows are upon me, O God :
I will render thank offerings unto thee.
For thou hast delivered my soul from death :
And my feet from falling,
That I may walk before God
In the light of the living.

My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed :
I will sing, yea, I will sing praises.
Awake up, my glory ; awake, psaltery and harp :
I myself will awake right early.
I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the
 peoples :
I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.
For thy mercy is great unto the heavens,
And thy truth unto the skies.
Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens ;
Let thy glory be above all the earth.

Hear my cry, O God ;
Attend unto my prayer.

From the end of the earth will I call unto thee, when
my heart is overwhelmed :
Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
For thou hast been a refuge for me,
A strong tower from the enemy.
I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever :
I will take refuge in the covert of thy wings.
For thou, O God, hast heard my vows :
Thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear
thy name.

My soul waiteth only upon God :
From him cometh my salvation.
He only is my rock and my salvation :
He is my high tower ; I shall not be greatly moved.
Trust in him at all times, ye people ;
Pour out your heart before him :
God is a refuge for us.
God hath spoken once,
Twice have I heard this ;
That power belongeth unto God :
Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy :
For thou renderest to every man according to his
work.

ASPIRATION.

O God, thou art my God ; early will I seek thee :
My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee,
In a dry and weary land, where no water is.
So have I looked upon thee in the sanctuary,
To see thy power and thy glory.
For thy lovingkindness is better than life ;
My lips shall praise thee.
So will I bless thee while I live :
I will lift up my hands in thy name.
My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fat-
ness ;
And my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips ;
When I remember thee upon my bed,
And meditate on thee in the night watches.
For thou hast been my help,
And in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.
My soul followeth hard after thee :
Thy right hand upholdeth me.

THE GOOD GOD.

Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion :
And unto thee shall the vow be performed.
O thou that hearest prayer,
Unto thee shall all flesh come.
Iniquities prevail against me :
As for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them
away.
Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest
to approach unto thee,
That he may dwell in thy courts :
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house,
The holy place of thy temple.
By terrible things thou wilt answer us in righteousness,
O God of our salvation ;
Thou that art the confidence of all the ends of the
earth,
And of them that are afar off upon the sea :
Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains ;
Being girded about with might :
Which stilleth the roaring of the seas, the roaring of
their waves,
And the tumult of the peoples.
They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid
at thy tokens :

Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it,

Thou greatly enrichest it ;

The river of God is full of water :

Thou providest them corn, when thou hast so prepared the earth.

Thou waterest her furrows abundantly ;

Thou settlest the ridges thereof :

Thou makest it soft with showers ;

Thou blessest the springing thereof.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness ;

And thy paths drop fatness.

They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness :

And the hills are girded with joy.

The pastures are clothed with flocks ;

The valleys also are covered over with corn ;

They shout for joy, they also sing.

O bless our God, ye peoples,

And make the voice of his praise to be heard :

Which holdeth our soul in life,

And suffereth not our feet to be moved.

For thou, O God, hast proved us :

Thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

A SONG OF GLADNESS.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us,
And cause his face to shine upon us ;
That thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy saving health among all nations.
Let the peoples praise thee, O God ;
Let all the peoples praise thee.
O let the nations be glad and sing for joy :
For thou shalt judge the peoples with equity,
And govern the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise thee, O God ;
Let all the peoples praise thee.
The earth hath yielded her increase :
God, even our own God, shall bless us.
God shall bless us ;
And all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

THE COMING KING.

Give the king thy judgements, O God,
And thy righteousness unto the king's son.
He shall judge thy people with righteousness,
And thy poor with judgement.
The mountains shall bring peace to the people,
And the hills, in righteousness.
He shall judge the poor of the people,
He shall save the children of the needy,
And shall break in pieces the oppressor.
They shall fear thee while the sun endureth,
And so long as the moon, throughout all generations.
He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass :
As showers that water the earth.
In his days shall the righteous flourish ;
And abundance of peace, till the moon be no more.
He shall have dominion also from sea to sea,
And from the River unto the ends of the earth.
They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before
him ;
And his enemies shall lick the dust.
The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring
presents :
The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.
Yea, all kings shall fall down before him :
All nations shall serve him.
For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth ;

And the poor, that hath no helper.
He shall have pity on the poor and needy,
And the souls of the needy he shall save.
He shall redeem their soul from oppression and
violence ;
And precious shall their blood be in his sight :
And they shall live ; and to him shall be given of the
gold of Sheba :
And men shall pray for him continually ;
They shall bless him all the day long.
There shall be abundance of corn in the earth upon
the top of the mountains ;
The fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon ;
And they of the city shall flourish like grass of the
earth.
His name shall endure for ever ;
His name shall be continued as long as the sun :
And men shall be blessed in him ;
All nations shall call him happy.
Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel,
Who only doeth wondrous things :
And blessed be his glorious name for ever ;
And let the whole earth be filled with his glory.
Amen, and Amen.
The day is thine, the night also is thine :
Thou hast prepared the light and the sun.
Thou hast set all the borders of the earth :
Thou hast made summer and winter.

REST IN GOD.

I have considered the days of old,
The years of ancient times.
I call to remembrance my song in the night :
I commune with mine own heart ;
And my spirit made diligent search.
Will the Lord cast off for ever ?
And will he be favourable no more ?
Is his mercy clean gone for ever ?
Doth his promise fail for evermore ?
Hath God forgotten to be gracious ?
Hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies ?
And I said, This is my infirmity ;
But I will remember the years of the right hand of
the Most High.
I will make mention of the deeds of the Lord ;
For I will remember thy wonders of old.
I will meditate also upon all thy work,
And muse on thy doings.
Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary :
Who is a great god like unto God ?
Thou art the God that doest wonders :
Thou hast made known thy strength among the
peoples.
Thou hast with thine arm redeemed thy people,
The sons of Jacob and Joseph.

The waters saw thee, O God ;
The waters saw thee, they were afraid :
The depths also trembled.
The clouds poured out water ;
The skies sent out a sound :
Thine arrows also went abroad.
The voice of thy thunder was in the whirlwind ;
The lightnings lightened the world :
The earth trembled and shook.
Thy way was in the sea,
And thy paths in the great waters,
And thy footsteps were not known.
Thou leddest thy people like a flock,
By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

ETERNITY.

I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of
my days :

Thy years are throughout all generations.

Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth ;

And the heavens are the work of thy hands.

They shall perish, but thou shalt endure :

Yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment ;

As a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall
be changed :

But thou art the same,

And thy years shall have no end.

The children of thy servants shall continue,

And their seed shall be established before thee.

THE MERCY OF GOD.

Bless the Lord, O my soul ;
And all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all his benefits :
Who forgiveth all thine iniquities ;
Who healeth all thy diseases ;
Who redeemeth thy life from destruction ;
Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender
mercies :
Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things ;
So that thy youth is renewed like the eagle.
The Lord executeth righteous acts,
And judgements for all that are oppressed.
He made known his ways unto Moses,
His doings unto the children of Israel.
The Lord is full of compassion and gracious,
Slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.
He hath not dealt with us after our sins,
Nor rewarded us after our iniquities.
For as the heaven is high above the earth,
So great is his mercy toward them that fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
So far hath he removed our transgressions from us.
Like as a father pitieth his children,
So the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

For he knoweth our frame ;
He remembereth that we are dust.
As for man, his days are as grass ;
As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.
For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone ;
And the place thereof shall know it no more.
But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to
 everlasting upon them that fear him.
And his righteousness unto children's children ;
To such as keep his covenant,
And to those that remember his precepts to do them.
The Lord hath established his throne in the heavens ;
And his kingdom ruleth over all.
Bless the Lord, ye angels of his :
Ye mighty in strength, that fulfil his word,
Hearkening unto the voice of his word.
Bless the Lord, all ye his hosts ;
Ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.
Bless the Lord, all ye his works,
In all places of his dominion :
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

THE GOD OF NATURE.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.
O Lord my God, thou art very great ;
Thou art clothed with honour and majesty.
Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment ;
Who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain :
Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters ;
Who maketh the clouds his chariot ;
Who walketh upon the wings of the wind :
Who maketh winds his messengers ;
His ministers a flaming fire :
Who laid the foundations of the earth,
That it should not be moved for ever.
Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a vesture ;
The waters stood above the mountains.
At thy rebuke they fled ;
At the voice of thy thunder they hasted away ;
They went up by the mountains, they went down by
the valleys,
Unto the place which thou hadst founded for them.
Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over ;
That they turn not again to cover the earth.
He sendeth forth springs into the valleys ;
They run among the mountains :
They give drink to every beast of the field ;
The wild asses quench their thirst.

By them the fowl of the heaven have their habitation,
They sing among the branches.
He watereth the mountains from his chambers :
The earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.
He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle,
And herb for the service of man ;
That he may bring forth food out of the earth :
And wine that maketh glad the heart of man,
And oil to make his face to shine,
And bread that strengtheneth man's heart.
The trees of the Lord are satisfied ;
The cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted ;
Where the birds make their nests :
As for the stork, the fir trees are her house.
The high mountains are for the wild goats ;
The rocks are a refuge for the conies.
He appointed the moon for seasons :
The sun knoweth his going down.
Thou makest darkness, and it is night ;
Wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.
The young lions roar after their prey,
And seek their meat from God.
The sun ariseth, they get them away,
And lay them down in their dens.
Man goeth forth unto his work
And to his labour until the evening.
O Lord, how manifold are thy works !
In wisdom hast thou made them all :

The earth is full of thy riches.
Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
Wherein are things creeping innumerable,
Both small and great beasts.
There go the ships ;
There is leviathan, whom thou hast formed to take
his pastime therein.
These wait all upon thee,
That thou mayest give them their meat in due season.
That thou givest unto them they gather ;
Thou openest thine hand, they are satisfied with
good.
Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled ;
Thou takest away their breath, they die,
And return to their dust.
Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created ;
And thou renewest the face of the ground.
Let the glory of the Lord endure for ever ;
Let the Lord rejoice in his works :
Who looketh on the earth, and it trembleth ;
He toucheth the mountains, and they smoke.
I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live :
I will sing praise to my God while I have any being.
Let my meditation be sweet unto him :
I will rejoice in the Lord.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Praise ye the Lord.

THE PLACE OF PRAYER.

How amiable are thy tabernacles,
O Lord of hosts !
My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of
the Lord ;
My heart and my flesh cry out unto the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,
And the swallow a nest for herself, where she may
lay her young,
Even thine altars, O Lord of hosts,
My King, and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house :
They will be still praising thee.
Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee ;
In whose heart are the high ways to Zion.
Passing through the valley of Weeping they make it
a place of springs ;
Yea, the early rain covereth it with blessings.
They go from strength to strength,
Every one of them appeareth before God in Zion.
O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer :
Give ear, O God of Jacob.
Behold, O God our shield,
And look upon the face of thine anointed.
For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand.
I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God,

Than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.
For the Lord God is a sun and a shield :
The Lord will give grace and glory :
No good thing will he withhold from them that walk
 uprightly.
O Lord of hosts,
Blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

THE RIGHTEOUS GOD.

Shew us thy mercy, O Lord,
And grant us thy salvation.
I will hear what God the Lord will speak :
For he will speak peace unto his people, and to his
saints :
But let them not turn again to folly.
Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him ;
That glory may dwell in our land.
Mercy and truth are met together ;
Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Truth springeth out of the earth ;
And righteousness hath looked down from heaven.
Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good ;
And our land shall yield her increase.
Righteousness shall go before him ;
And shall make his footsteps a way to walk in.

.

THE GOD OF ALL THINGS.

The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine :
The world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded
them.

The north and the south, thou hast created them :
Tabor and Hermon rejoice in thy name.

Thou hast a mighty arm :
Strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.
Righteousness and judgement are the foundation of
thy throne :

Mercy and truth go before thy face.
Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound :
They walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.
In thy name do they rejoice all the day :
And in thy righteousness are they exalted.

THE ETERNAL.

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place
In all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
Or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.
For a thousand years in thy sight
Are but as yesterday when it is past,
And as a watch in the night.
Thou carriest them away as with a flood ; they are
as a sleep :
In the morning they are like grass which groweth up.
In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up ;
In the evening it is cut down, and withereth.
The days of our years are threescore years and ten,
Or even by reason of strength fourscore years ;
Yet is their pride but labour and sorrow ;
For it is soon gone, and we fly away.
So teach us to number our days,
That we may get us an heart of wisdom.
Return, O Lord ; how long ?
And let it repent thee concerning thy servants.
O satisfy us in the morning with thy mercy ;
That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Make us glad according to the days wherein thou
hast afflicted us,

And the years wherein we have seen evil.

Let thy work appear unto thy servants,

And thy glory upon their children.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon
us :

And establish thou the work of our hands upon us ;

Yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

A SONG OF CONFIDENCE.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most
High

Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my
fortress ;

My God, in whom I trust.

For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler,
And from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with his pinions,

And under his wings shalt thou take refuge :

His truth is a shield and a buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night,

Nor for the arrow that flieth by day ;

For the pestilence that walketh in darkness,

Nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

A thousand shall fall at thy side,

And ten thousand at thy right hand ;

But it shall not come nigh thee.

For thou, O Lord, art my refuge !

Thou hast made the Most High thy habitation ;

There shall no evil befall thee,

Neither shall any plague come nigh thy tent.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee,

To keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee up in their hands,

Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder :

The young lion and the serpent shalt thou trample
under feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will
I deliver him :

I will set him on high, because he hath known my
name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him ;

I will be with him in trouble :

I will deliver him, and honour him.

With long life will I satisfy him,

And shew him my salvation.

THE RIGHTEOUS.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord,
And to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High :
To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning,
And thy faithfulness every night,
With an instrument of ten strings, and with the
psaltery ;
With a solemn sound upon the harp.
For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy
work :
I will triumph in the works of thy hands.
How great are thy works, O Lord !
Thy thoughts are very deep.
The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree :
He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
They that are planted in the house of the Lord
Shall flourish in the courts of our God.
They shall still bring forth fruit in old age ;
They shall be full of sap and green :
To shew that the Lord is upright ;
He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in
him.

A SONG OF THE SEAS.

The Lord reigneth ; he is apparelled with majesty ;
The Lord is apparelled, he hath girded himself with
strength :

The world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

Thy throne is established of old :

Thou art from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord,

The floods have lifted up their voice ;

The floods lift up their waves.

Above the voices of many waters,

The mighty breakers of the sea,

The Lord on high is mighty.

Thy testimonies are very sure :

Holiness becometh thine house,

O Lord, for evermore.

SONGS OF PURE JOY.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord :
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal-
vation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,
Let us make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.
In his hand are the deep places of the earth ;
The heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, and he made it ;
And his hands formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down ;
Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker :
For he is our God,
And we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep
of his hand.

O sing unto the Lord a new song :
Sing unto the Lord, all the earth.
Sing unto the Lord, bless his name ;
Shew forth his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
His marvellous works among all the peoples.
Honour and majesty are before him :
Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
Give unto the Lord, ye kindreds of the peoples,
Give unto the Lord glory and strength.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name :
Bring an offering, and come into his courts.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness :
Tremble before him, all the earth.
Say among the nations, the Lord reigneth :
The world also is stablished that it cannot be moved :
He shall judge the peoples with equity.
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice ;
Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof ;
Let the field exult, and all that is therein ;
Then shall all the trees of the wood sing for joy ;
Before the Lord, for he cometh ;
For he cometh to judge the earth.
He shall judge the world with righteousness,
And the peoples with his truth.

The Lord reigneth ; let the earth rejoice ;
Let the multitude of isles be glad.
Clouds and darkness are round about him :
Righteousness and judgement are the foundation of
his throne.
His lightnings lightened the world :
The earth saw, and trembled.
The hills melted like wax at the presence of the
Lord,
At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
The heavens declare his righteousness,
And all the peoples have seen his glory.

O ye that love the Lord, hate evil :
He preserveth the souls of his saints ;
He delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.
Light is sown for the righteous,
And gladness for the upright in heart.
Be glad in the Lord, ye righteous ;
And give thanks to his holy name.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness :
Come before his presence with singing.
Know ye that the Lord he is God :
It is he that hath made us, and we are his ;
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,
And into his courts with praise :
Give thanks unto him, and bless his name.
For the Lord is good ; his mercy endureth for ever ;
And his faithfulness unto all generations.

PICTURES FROM LIFE.

O give thanks unto the Lord ; for he is good :
For his mercy endureth for ever.
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
Whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the
adversary ;
And gathered them out of the lands,
From the east and from the west,
From the north and from the south.
They wandered in the wilderness in a desert way ;
They found no city of habitation.
Hungry and thirsty,
Their soul fainted in them.
Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble,
And he delivered them out of their distresses.
He led them also by a straight way,
That they might go to a city of habitation.
Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness,
And for his wonderful works to the children of men !
For he satisfieth the longing soul,
And the hungry soul he filleth with good.
Such as sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,
Being bound in affliction and iron ;
Because they rebelled against the words of God,
And contemned the counsel of the Most High :
Therefore he brought down their heart with labour ;

They fell down, and there was none to help.
Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble,
And he saved them out of their distresses.
He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of
death,
And brake their bands in sunder.
Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness,
And for his wonderful works to the children of men !
For he hath broken the gates of brass,
And cut the bars of iron in sunder.
Fools because of their transgression,
And because of their iniquities, are afflicted.
Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat ;
And they draw near unto the gates of death.
Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble,
And he saveth them out of their distresses.
He sendeth his word, and healeth them,
And delivereth them from their destructions.
Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness,
And for his wonderful works to the children of men !
And let them offer the sacrifices of thanksgiving,
And declare his works with singing.
They that go down to the sea in ships,
That do business in great waters ;
These see the works of the Lord,
And his wonders in the deep.
For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind,
Which lifteth up the waves thereof.

They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to
the depths :

Their soul melteth away because of trouble.

They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken
man,

And are at their wits' end.

Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble,

And he bringeth them out of their distresses.

He maketh the storm a calm,

So that the waves thereof are still.

Then are they glad because they be quiet ;

So he bringeth them unto the haven where they
would be.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness,

And for his wonderful works to the children of men !

Let them exalt him also in the assembly of the
people,

And praise him in the seat of the elders.

He turneth rivers into a wilderness,

And watersprings into a thirsty ground ;

A fruitful land into a salt desert,

For the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

He turneth a wilderness into a pool of water,

And a dry land into watersprings.

And there he maketh the hungry to dwell,

That they may prepare a city of habitation ;

And sow fields, and plant vineyards,

And get them fruits of increase.

He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied
greatly ;

And he suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

Again, they are minished and bowed down

Through oppression, trouble, and sorrow.

He poureth contempt upon princes,

And causeth them to wander in the waste, where
there is no way.

Yet setteth he the needy on high from affliction,

And maketh him families like a flock.

The upright shall see it, and be glad ;

And all iniquity shall stop her mouth.

Whoso is wise shall give heed to these things,

And they shall consider the mercies of the Lord.

THE GRACIOUS GOD.

Praise ye the Lord.

I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart,
In the council of the upright, and in the congregation.

The works of the Lord are great,

Sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is honour and majesty :

And his righteousness endureth for ever.

He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered :

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

He hath giveth meat unto them that fear him :

He will ever be mindful of his covenant.

He hath shewed his people the power of his works,

In giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of his hands are truth and judgement ;

All his precepts are sure.

They are established for ever and ever,

They are done in truth and uprightness.

He hath sent redemption unto his people ;

He hath commanded his covenant for ever :

Holy and reverend is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom ;

A good understanding have all they that do there-
after :

His praise endureth for ever.

REVERENCE.

Praise ye the Lord.

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord,

That delighteth greatly in his commandments.

His seed shall be mighty upon earth :

The generation of the upright shall be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in his house :

And his righteousness endureth for ever.

Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness :

He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

Well is it with the man that dealeth graciously and
lendeth ;

He shall maintain his cause in judgement.

For he shall never be moved ;

The righteous shall be had in everlasting remem-
brance.

He shall not be afraid of evil tidings :

His heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord.

He hath dispersed, he hath given to the needy ;

His righteousness endureth for ever.

AFTER SORROW.

I love the Lord, because he hath heard
My voice and my supplications.
Because he hath inclined his ear unto me,
Therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
The cords of death compassed me,
And the pains of Sheol gat hold upon me :
I found trouble and sorrow.
Then called I upon the name of the Lord ;
O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.
Gracious is the Lord, and righteous ;
Yea, our God is merciful.
The Lord preserveth the simple :
I was brought low, and he saved me.
Return unto thy rest, O my soul ;
For the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.
For thou hast delivered my soul from death,
Mine eyes from tears,
And my feet from falling.
I will walk before the Lord
In the land of the living.
I believe, for I will speak :
I was greatly afflicted :
I said in my haste,
All men are a lie.
What shall I render unto the Lord

For all his benefits toward me?
I will take up the cup of salvation,
And call upon the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows unto the Lord,
Yea, in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the Lord
Is the death of his saints.
O Lord, truly I am thy servant ;
I am thy servant, the son of thine handmaid ;
Thou hast loosed my bonds.
I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving,
And will call upon the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows unto the Lord,
Yea, in the presence of all his people ;
In the courts of the Lord's house,
In the midst of thee, O Jerusalem.
Praise ye the Lord.

THE BLESSED LAW.

Blessed are they that are perfect in the way,
Who walk in the law of the Lord.
Blessed are they that keep his testimonies,
That seek him with the whole heart.
Yea, they do no unrighteousness ;
They walk in his ways.
Thou hast commanded us thy precepts,
That we should observe them diligently.
Oh that my ways were established
To observe thy statutes !
Then shall I not be ashamed,
When I have respect unto all thy commandments.
I will give thanks unto thee with uprightness of heart,
When I learn thy righteous judgements.
I will observe thy statutes :
O forsake me not utterly.
Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way ?
By taking heed thereto according to thy word.
With my whole heart have I sought thee :
O let me not wander from thy commandments.
Thy word have I laid up in mine heart,
That I might not sin against thee.
Blessed art thou, O Lord :
Teach me thy statutes.
With my lips have I declared

All the judgements of thy mouth.
I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies,
As much as in all riches.
I will meditate in thy precepts,
And have respect unto thy ways.
I will delight myself in thy statutes :
I will not forget thy word.
Oh how love I thy law !
It is my meditation all the day.
I have not turned aside from thy judgements ;
For thou hast taught me.
How sweet are thy words unto my taste !
Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth !
Through thy precepts I get understanding :
Therefore I hate every false way.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
And light unto my path.
Thy testimonies are wonderful :
Therefore doth my soul keep them.
The opening of thy words giveth light ;
It giveth understanding unto the simple.
I opened wide my mouth, and panted ;
For I longed for thy commandments.
Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me,
As thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.
Order my footsteps in thy word ;
And let not any iniquity have dominion over me.
Redeem me from the oppression of man :

So will I observe thy precepts.

Make thy face to shine upon thy servant ;

And teach me thy statutes.

Great peace have they which love thy law ;

And they have none occasion of stumbling.

A SONG OF TRUST.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains :
From whence shall my help come ?
My help cometh from the Lord,
Which made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved :
He that keepeth thee will not slumber.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel
Shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is thy keeper :
The Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not smite thee by day,
Nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall keep thee from all evil ;
He shall keep the soul.
The Lord shall keep thy going out and thy coming
in,
From this time forth and for ever more.

A SONG OF PEACE.

I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go unto the house of the Lord.
Our feet are standing
Within thy gates, O Jerusalem ;
Jerusalem, that art builded
As a city that is compact together :
Whither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the
 Lord,
For a testimony unto Israel,
To give thanks unto the name of the Lord.
For there are set thrones for judgement,
The thrones of the house of David.
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem :
They shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls,
And prosperity within thy palaces.
For my brethren and companions' sakes,
I will now say, Peace be within thee.
For the sake of the house of the Lord our God
I will seek thy good.

Unto thee do I lift up mine eyes,
O thou that sittest in the heavens.
Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand
 of their master,

As the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress ;

So our eyes look unto the Lord our God.

They that trust in the Lord

Are as Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but
abideth for ever.

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem,

So the Lord is round about his people,

From this time forth and for ever more.

RETURN FROM CAPTIVITY.

When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion,
We were like unto them that dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
And our tongue with singing :
Then said they among the nations,
The Lord hath done great things for them.
The Lord hath done great things for us ;
Whereof we are glad.
Turn again our captivity, O Lord,
As the streams in the South.
They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.
Though he goeth on his way weeping, bearing forth
the seed ;
He shall come again with joy, bringing his sheaves
with him.

Except the Lord build the house,
They labour in vain that build it :
Except the Lord keep the city,
The watchman waketh but in vain.
It is vain for you that ye rise up early, and so late
take rest,
And eat the bread of toil :
For so he giveth unto his beloved sleep.

OUT OF THE DEPTHS.

Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice :

Let thine ears be attentive

To the voice of my supplications.

If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities,

O Lord, who shall stand ?

But there is forgiveness with thee,

That thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait,

And in his word do I hope.

My soul looketh for the Lord,

More than watchmen look for the morning ;

Yea, more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord ;

For with the Lord there is mercy,

And with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel

From all his iniquities.

THE UNSEEN GOD.

O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.
Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising,
Thou understandest my thought afar off.
Thou searchest out my path and my lying down,
And art acquainted with all my ways.
For there is not a word in my tongue,
But, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.
Thou hast beset me behind and before,
And laid thine hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me ;
It is high, I cannot attain unto it.
Whither shall I go from thy spirit ?
Or whither shall I flee from thy presence ?
If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there :
If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, thou art there.
If I take the wings of the morning,
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea ;
Even there shall thy hand lead me,
And thy right hand shall hold me.
If I say, Surely the darkness shall overwhelm me,
And the light about me shall be night ;
Even the darkness hideth not from thee,
But the night shineth as the day :
The darkness and the light are both alike to thee.
How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God !

How great is the sum of them !

If I should count them, they are more in number
than the sand :

When I awake, I am still with thee.

Search me, O God, and know my heart :

Try me, and know my thoughts :

And see if there be any way of wickedness in me,

And lead me in the way everlasting.

THE MAN OF SORROWS.

I remember the days of old ;
I meditate on all thy doings :
I muse on the work of thy hands.
I spread forth my hands unto thee :
My soul thirsteth after thee, as a weary land.
Make haste to answer me, O Lord : my spirit faileth :
Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning ;
For in thee do I trust :
Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk ;
For I lift up my soul unto thee.
Teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God :
Thy spirit is good ; lead me in the land of upright-
ness.
Quicken me, O Lord, for thy name's sake :
In thy righteousness bring my soul out of trouble.
For I am thy servant.

.

PROSPERITY.

When our sons shall be as plants grown up in their
youth ;
And our daughters as corner stones hewn after the
fashion of a palace ;
When our garners are full, affording all manner of
store ;
And our sheep bring forth thousands and ten thou-
sands in our fields ;
When our oxen are well laden ;
When there is no breaking in, and no going out,
And no outcry in our streets ;
Happy is the people, that is in such a case :
Yea, happy is the people, whose God is the Lord.

.

A SONG OF JOY.

I will extol thee, my God, O King ;
And I will bless thy name for ever and ever.
Every day will I bless thee ;
And I will praise thy name for ever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised ;
And his greatness is unsearchable.
One generation shall laud thy works to another,
And shall declare thy mighty acts.
Of the glorious majesty of thine honour,
And of thy wondrous works, will I meditate.
And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible
acts ;
And I will declare thy greatness.
They shall utter the memory of thy great goodness,
And shall sing of thy righteousness.
The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion ;
Slow to anger, and of great mercy.
The Lord is good to all ;
And his tender mercies are over all his works.
All thy works shall give thanks unto thee, O Lord ;
And thy saints shall bless thee.
They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom,
And talk of thy power ;
To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts,
And the glory of the majesty of his kingdom.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
And thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

The Lord upholdeth all that fall,
And raiseth up all those that be bowed down.
The eyes of all wait upon thee ;
And thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thine hand,
And satisfiest the desire of every living thing.
The Lord is righteous in all his ways,
And gracious in all his works.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him,
To all that call upon him in truth.
He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him ;
He also will hear their cry, and will save them.
My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord ;
And let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and
ever.

SONGS OF PRAISE.

Praise ye the Lord.

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

While I live will I praise the Lord :

I will sing praises unto my God while I have any
being.

Put not your trust in princes,

Nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth ;

In that very day his thoughts perish.

Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help,

Whose hope is in the Lord his God :

Which made heaven and earth,

The sea, and all that in them is ;

Which keepeth truth for ever :

Which executeth judgement for the oppressed ;

Which giveth food to the hungry :

The Lord looseth the prisoners ;

The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind ;

The Lord raiseth up them that are bowed down ;

The Lord loveth the righteous ;

The Lord preserveth the strangers ;

He upholdeth the fatherless and widow ;

But the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

The Lord shall reign for ever,

Thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.

Praise ye the Lord.

Praise ye the Lord ;
For it is good to sing praises unto our God ;
For it is pleasant, and praise is comely.
The Lord doth build up Jerusalem ;
He gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.
He healeth the broken in heart,
And bindeth up their wounds.
He telleth the number of the stars ;
He giveth them all their names.
Great is our Lord, and mighty in power ;
His understanding is infinite.
The Lord upholdeth the meek :
He bringeth the wicked down to the ground.
Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving ;
Sing praises upon the harp unto our God :
Who covereth the heaven with clouds,
Who prepareth rain for the earth,
Who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains,
He giveth to the beast his food,
And to the young ravens which cry.
Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem ;
Praise thy God, O Zion.
For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates ;
He hath blessed thy children within thee.
He maketh peace in thy borders ;
He filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.
He sendeth out his commandment upon earth ;
His word runneth very swiftly.

He giveth snow like wool ;
He scattereth the hoar frost like ashes.
He casteth forth his ice like morsels :
Who can stand before his cold ?
He sendeth out his word, and melteth them :
He causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.
He sheweth his word unto Jacob,
His statutes and his judgements unto Israel.
He hath not dealt so with any nation :
And as for his judgements, they have not known
 them.
Praise ye the Lord.

Praise ye the Lord.
Praise ye the Lord from the heavens :
Praise him in the heights.
Praise ye him, all his angels :
Praise ye him, all his host.
Praise ye him, sun and moon :
Praise him, all ye stars of light.
Praise him, ye heavens of heavens,
And ye waters that be above the heavens.
Let them praise the name of the Lord :
For he commanded, and they were created.
He hath also stablished them for ever and ever :
He hath made a decree which shall not pass away.
Praise the Lord from the earth,
Ye dragons, and all deeps ;

Fire and hail, snow and vapour ;
Stormy wind, fulfilling his word :
Mountains and all hills ;
Fruitful trees and all cedars :
Beasts and all cattle ;
Creeping things and flying fowl :
Kings of the earth and all peoples ;
Princes and all judges of the earth :
Both young men and maidens ;
Old men and children :
Let them praise the name of the Lord ;
For his name alone is exalted :
His glory is above the earth and heaven.
And he hath lifted up the horn of his people,
The praise of all his saints ;
Even of the children of Israel, a people near unto
him.
Praise ye the Lord.

Praise ye the Lord.
Praise God in his sanctuary :
Praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him for his mighty acts :
Praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him with the sound of the trumpet :
Praise him with the psaltery and harp.
Praise him with the timbrel and dance :
Praise him with stringed instruments and the pipe.

Praise him upon the loud cymbals :

Praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

Praise ye the Lord.

THE END.

LIBRARY



137 844

UNIVERSAL
LIBRARY

